resources and do everything they can that it might be an accomplished fact at Ernakulam. Of course it will be an example for other Municipalities and I think that at Ernakulam all will cooperate and in course of time it will be an accomplished fact.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But the wider question involved in this resolution should not be overlooked.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No. It won't be overlooked.

The resolution was with leave withdrawn.

27. State-grant to the Madanappilli Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Before I move this resolution, I should like to know from the Government if it is possible to supply me with some information on this subject that I had asked for through a question which unfortunately has not been answered. If any information is available, I should like to utilise it. With regard to the question whether the Government have considered the giving of a contribution to the Tuberculosis Sanatorium of Madanappilli, answers have been supplied yesterday by Government saying that it is under consideration. What I want just now to know is this. I had asked "does the Government know that a low-paid Sirkar servant of Cochin is now undergoing treatment there at a prohibitive cost." And another information that I want is whether the Government is aware that a certain Cochin patient was dismissed uncured from Madanappilli as he was not able to pay the high charges there. Can I get that information?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—We have no information as yet.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is absent. But we will try to answer this resolution.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The resolution is:—

"In view of the fact that a good many Cochin Tuberculosis patients have to resort for their treatment to the Madanappilli Sanatorium for tuberculosis and in view of the fact that in recent times these persons find it almost impossible to get admission into the cheaper wards there, this Council very strongly recommends to the Government that a decent annual grant with appropriate conditions attached be at once made by the Cochin Darbar to the Sanatorium."

Since I find from the proceedings of this Council in the last Budget Session and answers to some of the questions given in the course of the week, there is no difficulty so far as this resolution is concerned. In the Budget Session questions Nos. 104, 105 and 106 from the Honourable Member for Vellarappilli related to this and in those answers, the existence of tuberculosis in our State is admitted. It is also admitted that there is no

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sort of treatment accorded to tuberculosis patients in our hospitals and the information also has been given in the same session that a good many Cochin patients were treated by the Madanappilli Sanatorium in previous years. To the next question, namely, whether they have stopped giving admission into the cheaper wards there because of the failure on the part of the Government to give them some help, they answered in the usual way, with a 'no', but with a supplement that preference is given by the Sanatorium to those hailing from States which give help to the Sanatorium. The result is that because no help is given, admission is refused to Cochin patients. In answer to another question, it has been said that the disease is on the increase in the towns in Cochin. That is the answer given yesterday, and the previous answer to the effect that treatment is not accorded in our hospitals, perhaps rightly makes it imperative that we make some provision for giving relief to our people suffering from tuberculosis. During the Budget Session the Government stated, as a remedy for this we are considering the question of giving a donation or some sort of help to a Sanatorium outside the State. The position is made clearer in this session and they have definitely stated in answer to questions yesterday that they are seriously considering the giving of a donation to the Madanappilli Sanatorium. So this is a distinct advance. I do not think that Government will not take as much time that is being taken on the question of unapproachability and untouchability. If they will expedite matters and see that a donation is at once granted to that particular Sanatorium, which I think has been fixed upon by our Government, that would be very good for the patients from our State. My information is that one individual from Irinjalakkuda was refused admission to the cheapest wards. There was the cheapest ward for Rs. 18, then the next Rs. 35 and the others Rs. 50 onwards up to Rs. 100. Everything has to be paid for. The poor schoolmaster drawing Rs. 20 or 25 having gone there from Cochin is now put to an expense of Rs. 120 per mensum. I know personally he has not the means to incur that expenditure. My submission to this house is that it will be pleased to accept this resolution and strengthen the hands of the Government to at once sanction a donation to that institution. I will stress upon one point that it may be pleased to attach proper conditions to the grant, not like the munificent grant that was given to the Central Hindu College, a lump sum of a lakh of rupees and an annual contribution of Rs. 6,000. When I raised a question on that the Government told me that no conditions had been attached

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to the above grant. I understand also that they are now trying to get some seats reserved, with what result I do not know. So in this case see that appropriate conditions are attached even at the time of making the grant. I therefore place this resolution for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I second the resolution.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Government intend to give a grant. As regards the conditions mentioned herein we are in correspondence with the Superintendent of the Institute.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I should like to observe, what is relevant not directly to this scheme but to a similar one. The point is, "should we not give some grant to the Medical College and get our boys admitted". There was great difficulty. At first the authorities were saying that if a grant was given, they will be willing to take our students and when we asked for the amount of the grant they say they want to consider and it is just three months. It seems to me that it is the same with this institution also at Madanapilli, if my information is correct. Very stringent conditions are therefore to be attached to any grant. One of the conditions there is, space being available, patients will be admitted. I happened to be in that district as an officer and one or two of my teachers were sent there. It is necessary to have very stringent regulations. Unless the conditions are clear it will be very dangerous to enter into any sort of agreement. I think Government may be allowed some time to carry out this and I am afraid if this institution adopts the example of other institutions it may take considerably long time.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We do not want to connect this one with the other things that will involve larger expenditure—the Engineering College, the Medical College. etc. This has become an urgent business. This may be treated separately.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Within which time can we expect consideration of this to be closed and results achieved?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—It is not possible to fix a time.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Say, within six months?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—On the assurance given by the Government I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

28. Election of Members to the Road Board.

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